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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Raji Josiam  
Remedial Project Manager, 6SF-RA  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75202

Re: May 2016 Bi-Monthly Progress Report  
US Oil Recovery (USOR) Superfund Site  
Area of Investigation 1 (AOI-1), Pasadena, Texas

Dear Ms. Josiam:

Pursuant to Section IX, Paragraph 44 of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (Settlement Agreement) for the above-referenced Site, Pastor, Behling & Wheeler, LLC (PBW) has prepared this bi-monthly progress report on behalf of the Respondents named in the Settlement Agreement. In accordance with the Settlement Agreement requirements, this progress report addresses the topics listed below:

1. Actions which have been taken to comply with the Settlement Agreement during the preceding two-month period – The following actions were taken during the previous two-month period:
  - Pursuant to Section XII, Paragraph 59 of the Settlement Agreement, Respondents continued their best efforts to obtain agreements with adjacent property owners in order to gain necessary access to the properties for collecting the soil and groundwater samples proposed for RI/FS Iteration 1 for AOI-1, as described in the RI/FS Work Plan.
  - On April 8, 2016, pursuant to Section XXVII, Paragraph 106 of the Settlement Agreement, PBW, on behalf of the Respondents, submitted the required documentation to demonstrate that one or more of the Respondents have sufficient assets to complete the RI/FS for AOI-1.
  - On April 25, 2016, pursuant to Section XXVI, Paragraph 105 of the Settlement Agreement, PBW, on behalf of the Respondents, submitted a certificate of insurance providing evidence of the required insurance coverage and naming EPA as an additional insured.
  - On April 29, 2016, pursuant to Section VIII, Paragraph 34 of the Settlement Agreement, PBW, on behalf of the Respondents, provided the names, titles, and qualifications for primary subcontractors performing work in conjunction with RI/FS activities. This submittal also included certificates of insurance providing evidence of the required insurance coverage and naming EPA as an additional

insured for the primary subcontractors performing work at the Site (pursuant to Section XXVI, Paragraph 105 of the Settlement Agreement).

- The Respondents commenced the RI/FS field work on May 2, 2016.
2. Summary of quality-assured results of sampling, tests and all other quality-assured data received by Respondents during the preceding two-month period – No results or data were generated during the preceding two-month period.
  3. Work planned for next two months with schedules relating such Work to the overall project schedule for RI/FS completion – The following work is planned for the next two months:
    - RI/FS field activities will continue per the RI/FS Work Plan, Field Sampling Plan (FSP), Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), and Health and Safety Plan (HASP).
    - Evaluation of data collected during RI/FS field activities will be conducted, including validation of analytical data per the QAPP.
  4. Problems encountered, anticipated problems, actual or anticipated delays, and solutions developed and implemented to address any actual or anticipated problems or delays – No problems or delays were encountered during the preceding two-month period. No problems are anticipated.

Per EPA's request, we have copied Mr. Lam Tran and Mr. Michael Cave (both of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) on this progress report and will continue to do so in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this progress report. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



*for*  
Eric Pastor, P.E.  
Project Coordinator

cc: Mr. Lam Tran – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Mr. Michael Cave – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Mr. Patrick C. Gobb - NewFields  
Mr. Matthew Wickham – PBW